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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-7, 9-23, and 26-30 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, and 9 are amended, claims 8, 24, and 25 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 26-30 are added. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 7-9, 13, 15-16, and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The allowable features of claim 8 have been added to independent claim 1, claim 8 has been canceled, and the dependency of claim 9 has been corrected. Accordingly, independent claim 1 should be in condition for allowance, along with claims 2-7 and 9-23, which dependent therefrom. Claims 7, 13, 15-16, and 21 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 26-30. Thus, these claims should also be in condition for allowance.

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The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3-5, 10-12, 14, 20, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as

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being anticipated by Chinese Patent No. 1480584A, and rejected claims 2, 6, 17-19, 22, 24, and

25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chinese Patent No. 1480584A. These

rejections are moot in view of the amendments discussed above.

**CONCLUSION** 

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the

application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are

earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better

condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the

telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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